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**DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131**

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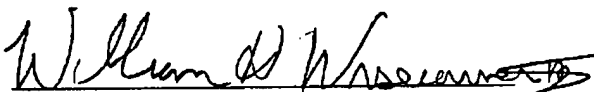
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Dear Sir:

We, WILLIAM H. WISECARVER, III. and MARY F. NUGENT, being duly sworn, depose and state:

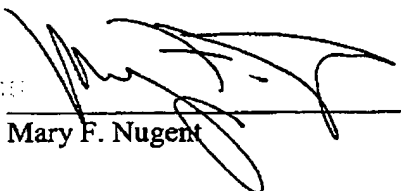
1. We are applicants of the above-identified patent application, and the inventors of the subject matter described and claimed therein (the "Subject Matter").
2. Attached as "Exhibit A" are three pages of documents numbered 1-3 consecutively that relate to the Subject Matter, which we had previously authored prior to March 7, 2000. The three pages of documents contained in Exhibit A are a detailed overview of the Subject Matter.
3. The Subject Matter claimed in the present application is clearly set forth in Exhibit A.
4. In October of 2000, I engaged the law firm of Schnader Harrison to prepare and file a provisional patent application based on the Subject Matter, which was filed on October 13, 2000.
5. On October 4, 2001, the present application was filed based on the provisional patent application with the United States Patent & Trademark Office.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

  
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